

St Peter's Parish & Our Lady's Parish: *Part of Catholic Leamington*

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year A: Sunday 26th April 2026

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DAY	AT ST PETER'S Dormer Place CV32 5AA	AT OUR LADY'S Valley Road CV32 7SJ	INTENTION
SUNDAY 26th FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY: VOCATIONS	4:15 -45pm Confessions 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	Rita Taylor RIP
	11:15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	9.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	Deirdre Kearney RIP; Dave Donovan Peter Pugh RIP
Monday 27th <i>Easter Feria</i>	10am Mass	~	Barrie Knapper RIP
Tuesday 28th <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Peter Chanel, P., M.</i>	10am Mass	~	Maisie Reddan RIP Rita Taylor
Wednesday 29th Feast of St. Catherine of Siena, V. Dr. of the Church.	1:15pm Funeral Service	10am Mass	Deceased of the Hedgecox Family Funeral: Barry Thurlow RIP
Thursday 30th <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Pius V, Pope, R.</i>	10am Mass	~	Sharon Acton RIP;
Friday 1st May <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Joseph the Worker.</i>	10am Mass 3pm Divine Mercy Devotions	~	Intentions of Maria Gomes & son
Saturday 2nd <i>Mem. of St. Athanasius, Bp, Dr. of the Church</i>	9am Holy Hour, 9:15 -45am Confessions, 10am Mass	~	William Ryan RIP; <i>Leticia Alvarez-Shanahan's Health</i>
	4:15 -45pm Confessions 5pm: Vigil Mass	~	Antonio Costa RIP
SUNDAY 3rd FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	11:15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	9.15am Sung Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i>	Robert Habgood RIP Steve, Lee, & Ann RIP

SAFEGUARDING

The Parishes operate in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies and procedures at all times.

Our **Parish Safeguarding Representatives** are: **Our Lady's** Claire Walsh sg.ccolc.lillington@rcaob.org.uk and at **St Peter's** Susan Chan sg.stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk **THESE EMAILS ARE FOR SAFEGUARDING ONLY. Parish and priest emails are at the top of this sheet.**

The Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or at safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Bernard Abbott, Mary Maguire, Mary Dendek, Mary Collins, Walerian and Bozena Przeniczka, Margaret Tew, John Quigley, Margaret Marum, Carmel O'Neill, Elizabeth Mannion, John Murphy, Sarah O'Donovan, Louisa Looney, Adrian Johnson, Stephen Lee, Edward O'Rourke, Rev. Fr. Ronald Cosslett, Rev. Fr. Peter Cooney, Rev. Fr. Peter Heath, Rev. Fr. Thomas W. O'Connor.

The recently deceased: Marian Du Bois, Peter McCarthy, Samuel Henn, Rita Taylor, Tom McKenna, Barry Thurlow, Judith Champ. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.**



CHRIST IS RISEN!

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!



SCAN TO SEE THE
MASS READINGS

TEA & COFFEE

After Sunday
Morning Masses in the
church halls
All Welcome!

FACEBOOK PAGES

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON is [here](#)
OUR LADY'S is [here](#)
Links from website too

MORE ALTAR SERVERS

ALWAYS WELCOME!

Young or old—see Fr Stephen, or Bob at
St Peter's, or Adrian at Our Lady's

WELCOME TO MASS: *If you are a visitor, or a new arrival in the area, do say hello to Fr Stephen, Deacon Paul, or Fr Kevin. There is tea and coffee and conversation available after both Masses on Sundays in the hall.*

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday, a title taken from the gospel reading, and a day to pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. The shepherd at the time Jesus speaks in the gospel today, called his sheep. They are familiar with his voice and answer his call. So today we hear Christ portray Himself as the Good Shepherd, the one with a trusted and truthful voice. It is of course from the same word root for voice and vocal that we find the word vocation, meaning calling. It is the voice of Christ that calls us to follow Him. This is the fundamental calling or vocation of every Christian, to live a life of holiness, listening to and following the voice of Christ. The call of Christ leads us to fulfilment in being the people He has called us to be, leading the life He calls us to live. This Good Shepherd calls us to rich pasture, and admits us to everything that we need. The call of Christ is made to us all: how we live that out of course varies. But it is only holy humans that can make holy friends, holy wives and husbands, holy parents, holy singles, holy neighbours and, naturally, holy priests and deacons. May God give His Church holy priests and deacons indeed, and may all hear the call of Jesus that we may truly live our vocations as He calls us to do.

God bless you, Fr Stephen

HOLY COMMUNION: If you are *not a Roman Catholic*, a member of a church in full communion with it, or an Orthodox unable to attend an Orthodox Liturgy, you are warmly invited to come forward for a blessing at the time of Holy Communion. Holy Communion **cannot** be given to all, as it is for us the **sign of unity in the faith**. Communion is **NOT** bread and wine, but the **Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of God the Son**. Let us pray for unity among all Christians, as God wills. **Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar!**

THIS WEEKEND & THE WEEK AHEAD

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY: From the Archbishop Dear friends, This weekend we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, when the Church prays especially for vocations to the priesthood. I want to ask you to join me in praying today that all those whom Our Lord is calling will respond with courage and generosity to his invitation to serve their brothers and sisters as priests in our Archdiocese. If you feel that the Good Shepherd might indeed be calling you - and if you are 18 or over - I would ask you to write to me directly at archbishop@rcaob.org.uk. I shall be happy to meet you, with our Vocations Director, Fr Craig Szmids, and to hear your story as you try to discern what the Lord is asking of you today and in the years ahead. Please pray for me and for all our priests. With my prayers and kindest wishes.

+Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham

HOLY ROSARY DEVOTION: Sunday 8:45am at OL and 10:45am at SP for discerning the renewed future of the parishes.

OScott EVENTS: From Sinai to Rome: Jewish Identity in the Catholic Church, Mon 27 April A free event – details: stmaryscol-legeoscottcio.churchsuite.com/events/n0g58ukm

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION: Parents' meeting this Tues 28 April at 6pm in **Our Lady's Church Hall** for parents of children at Our Lady's & St Teresa's who wish to be confirmed **and** for parents of those not at Catholic schools, in Year 6 or above.

PASTIMES COMMUNITY HUB: on **Tuesday 12-3pm** in SP Hall. Come and play or learn to play Whist in St. Peter's Hall, sessions at 1:30pm.

SPARK YOUTH GROUP: The next meetings of our Youth Group for school years 5,6,7 and 8 is **this Thursday 30 April**, the other meetings are: **21 May, 25 June, 16 July** in the Dormer Centre.

STUDY & REFLECTION ON SUNDAY MASS READINGS: On **Fridays** from **11am-12pm** Davenport Room upstairs in SP hall. All welcome.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS: Fridays, 3pm St Peter's. At the hour of Mercy come to implore mercy for the world and to praise God!

KINDAID'S MAY MERRIMENT: with games & activities for all the family - on **Saturday, 2 May at 7 pm**. Tickets £10 adults, £5 children includes

delicious jacket potato supper. Contact Sue Sugars 07950 144450

OScott EVENTS: St John Henry Newman, Theology and the Imagination, Fri 1 May – Sat 2 May

Organ Recital, Sun 3 May More info for both: <https://www.oscott.org/>

COMING SOON

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: Pilgrims are invited to travel to 'England's Nazareth' on Saturday 9 May. More info -

www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/event/all-welcome-diocesan-day-pilgrimage-to-walsingham-2026

OTHER INFORMATION

VOCATIONS: Are you in school years 9-13? Feel you may be being called to the priesthood? Please consider signing up to the Diocesan Young Discerners Group, which meets on Saturday **9 May at St. Mary's College, Oscott**. Where you will find out more about the priesthood and seminary life, spend time in prayer, meet seminarians and explore how to discern. Parents are also invited to attend as part of a parallel programme, tour Oscott, and speak to a Priest's parents. **Booking Essential**. See Poster in the entrance of St. Peter's or Our Lady's for information.

JUSTICE & PEACE: May prayer intention: that amid wars and elections our political views never provoke hostility against communities or individuals.

SPAN: this month we help charities with links to us for a feeding programme in Kenya, urgent latrine and hygiene work in Ghana, emergency food parcels in the Philippines and CAFOD's work in Darfur, Sudan.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP (YAG) 18-30: text **Freya 07565 142204**

(WhatsApp) or connect via Instagram **@catholicleaningtonyag**

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS: 1st Coll. SP: £728.62, OL: £216.30. 2nd Coll. SP (Ch. Maint.): £371.59, OL (OL Vision): £320.80. 2nd Collections this week at both Churches for: Clergy Training Fund. **Thank you for your generosity.**

MASS INTENTIONS PLEASE NOTE: The *minimum amount of time* needed to book dates is **2 weeks from date of request**. We currently have availability in May for weekend Masses.

7 DAY CANDLES: This week the **Sacred Heart Chapel** candle burns: **In Memory of Sue Maher RIP**. During April the **Our Lady Chapel** candle burns: **In Memory of Simon Rogers RIP**. Envelopes are at back of church. Please post in the collection at Mass with a donation of £5.

PASTORAL COUNCIL: Details of members are in the churches porches or email martinfoley73@gmail.com. Raise any point you wish with them

PUTTING OUR VISION FOR OUR LADY'S INTO ACTION: If you've not filled in a yellow 'Talents' Card, please do as soon as you can and pop it into the secure box on the Vision Table. Even if you can't commit to any of the challenges, if you are involved with OL in any way it's important that you fill in a Card so that we have evidence of usage for the Diocese and grant-funding applications. *Thank you*

OL ROOF FUND FIGURE TO 1 APRIL: The net total amount in the OL Roof Fund is: **£38,019.69**. The *next update* will be 3rd May 2026. *All tiles bought in 2026 will be doubled!* **Thank you for your generosity.**

ALTAR SERVERS: We'd love more servers! See **Bob at St Peter's**, or **Adrian at Our Lady's**.

CANDLES FOR UKRAINE: In both Our Lady's and St Peter's there is a box the box at the back of church or in the Hall. Please, **no** tin or glass, just candles - any candle that's unwanted, unusable, broken, stubs, left over

ARRANGING A WEDDING

Congratulations on your engagement! To arrange a wedding, you must **begin with a meeting of you both with Fr Stephen** so that the canonical (Church) and civil processes can be followed. At least six months' notice is ideal. Please make yourself known to Fr Stephen.

ARRANGING A BAPTISM

Congratulations on the birth of your baby! Parents must begin the process by seeing Fr Stephen in person at a Sunday Mass. He can then check a few facts and give out a baptism application form. We can't deal with **initial arrangements by phone, email or through friends or other family members**, but face to face—you are asking for your child to join the community of the Church, so we welcome you to come and meet its members here.

Our prayers for the Sick: Bill, Giovanni Allurlino, Leticia Alvarez-Shanahan, Marie Clare Banner, Edward Behan, Jim Bell, Sarah Bonnalie, Pam Brambles, Silvia Brookes, Lee Burbury, Norman Byrne, Mario Fasi, Wilfrid Feely, Barbara Gekoski, Joan Gibbons, Joe Graham, Eileen Hiorns, Mist Johnson, David Kendall, John Kiernan, Peter McCarthy, Una Maddocks, David Mander, Deborah Meades, Kate Miles, Fina Monastero, Michael Mulcahy, Paula Newton, Gill Parker, Jane Parker, John Sawyer, Gilly Schweigert, Arlene Slinn, Nell Smyth, Bridie Streeter, Christine Tam, Terena Tam, Terry Tam, Elizabeth Weston, Peter Wright, & all those at home, or in the nursing homes, and hospitals of the Parish, who receive Holy Communion at home.

Lord Jesus, watch over all who suffer and are in pain. Bless all those who care for them. Our Lady, help of the sick, pray for them.